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IN THE APPLICATION OF: CONFIRMATION NO. 1447  
DESHMUKH ET AL. CASE NO.: IJ-0077 USNA  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/775,570 GROUP ART UNIT: 2861  
FILED: FEBRUARY 9, 2004 EXAMINER: FIDLER, S. L.  
FOR: Device for Monitoring Dispensing of Dispensable Compositions

Response A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

The following response is submitted in view of the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005. Claims 1-15 pending in this application were rejected. Petition to extend the time to respond by one month accompanies this response.

Amendments to specifications start on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to claims start on page 3 of this response.

Remarks start on page 6 of this response.

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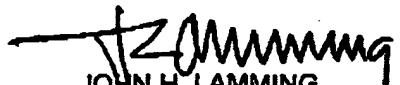
8. Support for claim 21 can be found in claim 10. Support for claim 22 can be found on page 14, lines 35-36 of the current specification.

Applicants also wish to point out that there is a commonly assigned co-pending related patent application having Serial No. 10/775,572, which was filed on February 9, 2004 and has same inventorship. The prior art cited in that application, but not in this application, is being submitted with this response for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants believe that the fee established in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) for extending the time to reply to the Office Action as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(2), namely the fee to extend the time to file within the first month after the end of the shortened statutory period, is due with submission of this paper. Please charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). Should an additional fee, not accounted for herein, also be due, please charge such fee to the same Deposit Account.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues involved in this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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